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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.
- 2. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Foley (6,127,903).

In regard to claim 1, Foley discloses a part 12 for supporting and fixing an electrical or electronic component 84, which part comprises a compartment 13 for supporting the electrical or electronic component 84, two claws 50.2 and 50.4 which are each in engagement and in electrical continuity with a pin on the electrical or electronic component 84.3 disposed in the compartment 13 between the two claws 50.4, 50.2, and a detachable closing cover 15 wherein a blade 76 is fixed to the closing cover so as to sever an electric wire 16.2 which is in engagement and in electrical continuity with the two claws 50.2, 50.4 in such a way as to connect the electrical or electronic component 84 in series with the electric wire 16.2 (see column 8, lines 5-9).

In regard to claim 2, Foley discloses a block 18 serves as a support for the electric wire 16.

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In regard to claim 3, Foley discloses baffles (see column 7, lines 52-57) to promote the disengagement of the two strands of the severed electric wire 16.

In regard to claim 4, Foley discloses the detachable closing cover 15 is replaced by a closing cap that pivots in relation to the supporting compartment 12 about a hinge 78.

In regard to claim 5, Foley discloses that the supporting compartment 12 is a body made of plastic material (see column 5, lines 29-35).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

- 3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:
 - (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.
- 4. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Foley.

Foley does not disclose that the blade 76 possesses a leading angle such that the cutting edge extends in a direction which intersects the direction of the pivoting hinge 78.

It would have been obvious to modify Foley's invention by having the leading angle of the cutting edge of the blade extends in a direction which intersects the direction of the pivoting hinge, since applicants have not disclosed that having the

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cutting edge extends at this specific direction solves any stated problem or is for any

particular purpose and it appears that the cutting edge of the blade would perform

equally well without the leading angle.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Tho D. Ta whose telephone number is (571) 272-2014.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00-5:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Paula A. Bradley can be reached on (571) 272-2800 ext 33. The fax phone

number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-

872-9306.

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